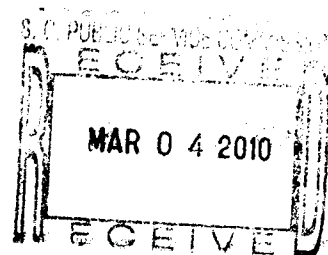


2352 Parsonage Woods Lane  
Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29466  
March 3, 2010

Public Service Commission  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210



Gentlemen:

I am writing to protest SCE&G's proposed rate increases. I understand that these rate increase requests are prompted by costs related to environmental mandates and to investment costs associated with new nuclear power generation facilities. I also recognize, and applaud, SCE&G's efforts to hold the line on wages for executives, although I do have some questions about bonuses that have been paid.

I urge SCE&G to bring its financial situation into line with the realities of a deep and long term recession. This is not the time for rate increases, especially the hefty increases SCE&G is requesting. I suggest that SCE&G reduce its profits for a few years. That seems to me to be comparable to the sacrifices I and my neighbors must make when we face up to rising energy costs.

I understand that the rate increases were not recommended lightly, and I do not challenge SCE&G's calculations related to these costs. Nevertheless, all of us are facing difficult financial challenges. When lean times come, ordinary citizens tighten their belts, change their ways of doing things, and adjust to the new situation. In the past year I, for example, have further cut back on lighting in my home, turned my thermostat up in summer and down in winter, installed new energy efficient windows throughout my home, and purchased a more energy efficient washer, dryer, and dish washer. I also wait until non peak hours to use these appliances.

These investments in energy conservation have not been painless, as I am completely dependent upon a modest pension, and I do not receive Social Security. I know that all of us must step up to the plate and change the way we consume energy. Therefore, I do not complain about giving up travel, meals at restaurants, and other expenditures so that I could spend thousands of dollars to make my lifestyle more energy efficient. I'm simply doing my part to adjust to the new realities. SCE&G should do the same.

I believe it is both reasonable and responsible for SCE&G to find ways to provide energy to its customers for the next few years, without burdening citizens with additional monthly expenditures that we can scarcely afford.

Very truly yours,

Carol M. Hallman, retired home owner